



Turn it Up: Focus
Philippians 3:1-9
Small Group Starters

Use the following questions as ‘starters’ for your small group. Think of these questions like appetizers. You are free to explore further questions or ideas that you may have from today’s message on Philippians 3:1-9.

1. The main point of Pastor Garrett’s message is that **“The gospel shifts my focus from depending on myself to prove my worth to depending on Jesus to make me righteous.”**
 - a. Read the verses out loud and discuss how this main point comes from the passage?
2. Pastor Garrett mentioned that many people deal with an inner voice of self-condemnation.
 - a. In what areas of your life do you struggle with self-condemnation?
 - b. What do you focus to quiet that inner voice of self-condemnation?
 - c. How should the message of the gospel hush our inner voice of self-condemnation?
3. Do you agree or disagree that the message of Christianity is vastly different from the message of our culture? How did you come to that conclusion?
4. What is the difference between being ‘good’ and being ‘righteous’? According to v. 9 – how can one be righteous?
5. In these verses Paul outlines his personal credentials and achievements as reasons he has confidence in the flesh but then makes a dramatic revulsion of these things and calls them ‘rubbish’.
 - a. Why does he call them rubbish? And what does he gain by doing so?
 - b. What performances, credentials and achievements are you stacking in your favor that you need to repent of because they are keeping you from Christ?

6. Talk about the difference between self-condemnation and conviction of the Holy Spirit.